

MINNESOTA SPRING WHEAT PRODUCTION FORECAST UP 8% FROM 1999

Based on July 1 conditions, the **SPRING WHEAT** crop is estimated at 84.0 million bushels, up 8% from last year, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. Yield is forecast at 40 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year. Acres for harvest are up 150,000 from 1999 to 2,100,000.

**BARLEY** growers expect a crop of 14.0 million bushels, up 65% from last year. Yield at 56 bushels per acre is up 9 bushels from last year. Acres to be harvested are estimated at 250,000 acres, up 39% from 1999.

**OAT** production is forecast at 21.5 million bushels, up 21% from 1999. Yield at 65 bushels would be 6 bushels higher than 1999. Acres to be harvested are estimated at 330,000 acres, up 30,000 acres from last year.

**FALL POTATOES** acres planted totaled 66,000 acres. This level is a decrease of 4,000 acres from 1999. Harvested acres are estimated to be 60,000 acres, an increase of 7,000 from last year.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

**SPRING WHEAT** production is forecast at 526 million bushels, up 5% from 1999. The U.S. yield is forecast at 34.9 bushels per acre, 0.8 bushels higher than last year. Of this total, 470 million is Hard Red Spring wheat, up 5% from last season.

**WINTER WHEAT** production is forecast at 1.59 billion bushels. This is down 2 percent from last month and down 7 percent from 1999. The U.S. yield is forecast at 44.9 bushels per acre, down 1.8 bushels from last month.

**DURUM WHEAT** production is forecast at 128 million bushels, up 29 percent from 1999. The U.S. yield is forecast at 32.2 bushels per acre, 4.4 bushels more than last year.

**BARLEY** production for 2000 is forecast at 307 million bushels, up 9% from a year ago and down 13% from 1998. The first forecast for 1999 indicates that producers expect yields to average 58.7 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushel from last year.

**OAT** production is estimated at 151.4 million bushels, 4% above last year's 146.2 million bushels. The estimated yield is 61.2 bushels per acre, up 1.6 bushels from 1999.

Area planted to **FALL POTATOES** in 2000 is estimated at 1.39 million acres, up slightly from last year. Harvest is expected from 1.36 million acres, up 2% from a year ago.

MINNESOTA & U.S. SMALL GRAIN HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

COMMODITY	1999 HARVESTED ACRES	2000 HARVESTED ACRES	1999 YIELD (BUSHELs)	2000 YIELD (BUSHELs)	1999 PRODUCTION (BUSHELs)	2000 PRODUCTION (BUSHELs)
MINNESOTA						
SPRING WHEAT	1,950,000	2,100,000	40.0	40.0	78,000,000	84,000,000
BARLEY	180,000	250,000	47.0	56.0	8,460,000	14,000,000
OATS	300,000	330,000	59.0	65.0	17,700,000	21,450,000
UNITED STATES						
SPRING WHEAT	14,768,000	15,058,000	34.1	34.9	503,132,000	526,061,000
DURUM WHEAT	3,569,000	3,986,000	27.8	32.2	99,322,000	128,152,000
WINTER WHEAT	35,572,000	35,401,000	47.8	44.9	1,699,989,000	1,588,376,000
BARLEY	4,758,000	5,235,000	59.2	58.7	281,853,000	307,275,000
OATS	2,453,000	2,472,000	59.6	61.2	146,218,000	151,380,000